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Response to Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with
Specification sent 8/27/06

Sir:

The Notice of Drawing Inconsistency states that Fig. 53 is listed in the Brief Description of Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

According to the applicant's own records of drawings sent 11/27/2001 with the patent application and corrected drawings sent 10/30/2003 and 1/18/2005, there is a Fig. 53 shown on drawing sheet # 66/73. Because of space constraints it is shown on the same sheet as Figs. 51-A and 51-B and not with or right after Fig. 52.

Anyhow, the applicant is submitting the following:

1. Replacement Sheet 66/73 showing Fig. 53,

2. Annotated Sheet 66/73 showing Fig. 53 marked-up in red,
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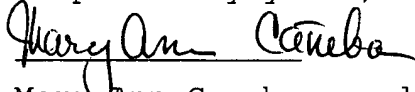
If Fig. 53 just got overlooked because of the break in number sequence and if sheet 66/73 on file is the same as the Replacement Sheet, just disregard this replacement sheet.

While there could be an omission error in the latest group of drawing figures sent, Fig. 53 is not new matter because it is indeed present in the application sent 11/27/01.

The Brief Description of Drawings list in the specification does not need amendment.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,



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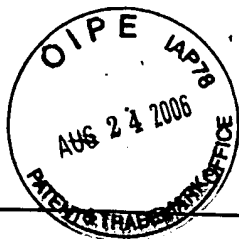
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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

The drawings filed 10-30-2003 and 01-18-2005 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figure 53 is listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figure is contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in **abandonment** of the application.

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